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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIJAN  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN, NI, PDIP  
SUBJECT: NORTH KOREANS TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT EMBASSY IN LAGOS

REF: 76 LAGOS 13800

1. DURING VISIT TO MEA ON OTHER MATTERS JANUARY 7, EMBOFF  
ENCOUNTERED TWO NORTH KOREANS (IDENTIFIABLE BY THEIR KIM 11  
SUNG LAPEL PINS), ONE OF WHOM IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO AN MEA  
PROTOCOL OFFICER AS "COUNSELOR" WHO HAD COME TO LAGOS "TO  
OPEN (NORTH) KOREAN EMBASSY." HE APPEARED TO BE AT HEAD OF A  
FOUR MAN DELEGATION.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENT EMBASSY BY NORTH KOREANS IS  
LOGICAL OUTGROWTH OF NIGERIAN DECISION LAST YEAR TO ESTABLISH  
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH DPRK. FOR THEIR PART, HOWEVER,  
NIGERIANS HAVE THUS FAR BEEN CONTENT TO ACCREDIT THEIR RESIDENT  
AMBASSADOR IN PEKING TO PYONGYANG. NORTH KOREANS WOULD MAKE  
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TENTH RESIDENT COMMUNIST MISSION IN LAGOS, ELEVENTH IF  
YUGOSLAVIA INCLUDED.

3. WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE SOUTH KOREANS WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL  
IN ANY EFFORT TO GAIN RECOGNITION FROM FMG OR TO ESTABLISH A  
MISSION HERE, THERE NO LONGER APPEARS TO BE ANY REASON TO HOLD  
BACK FROM RENEWING THE ATTEMPT. PRESENCE OF NORTH KOREANS WILL

POSE THREAT TO CONTINUED OPERATION OF SOUTH KOREAN TRADE MISSION  
IN ANY CASE. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT SOUTH KOREANS CONSIDER  
MAKING DEMARCHE TO NIGERIANS IN WASHINGTON, TOKYO OR OTHER SUITABLE  
LOCATION WHERE BOTH SEOUL AND LAGOS HAVE RESIDENT REPRESEN-  
TATIVES. U.S. CAN LEND SUPPORT TO THIS EFFORT, OF COURSE,  
BUT WE SHOULD AVOID GIVING NIGERIANS ANY ADDITIONAL REASON TO  
HARDEN THEIR INCLINATION TO CONSIDER SOUTH KOREA A CLIENT STATE  
OF U.S.

4. FOR ABIDJAN: PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR HAN WOO SUK OF  
DEVELOPMENTS.

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